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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE FORCE FOR LEBANON

1. WE NOTE SAYYID NOFAL'S REMARK IN CAIRO'S 10172 THAT ALGERIAN CONTINGENT FOR LEBANON WAS VETOED BY FRANGIEH. SOUNDS VERY PLAUSIBLE TO US, BUT ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF PRESIDENCY, SMAIL HAMDANI, TOLD ME JULY 29 ALGERIA HAS BEEN INVITED TO SEND CONTINGENT AND REFUSED BECAUSE ALL THE EASTERN ARABS "EVEN IRAQ" WERE IN ACCORD WITH SYRIAN EFFORTS TO WIPE OUT PALESTINE RESISTANCE IN LEBANON. HE ASKED RHETORICALLY IF ALGERIANS COULD BE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN GENOCIDE, AND SOUNDED QUITE BITTER.

2. THIS FIRST MEANINGFUL STATEMENT ON LEBANESE CRISES WE HAVE HAD FROM RESPONSIBLE ALGERIAN. DIRECTOR OF ARAB AFFAIRS AT FOREIGN MINISTRY, ABDELKADER BENKACI, WHEN I POSED QUESTION TO HIM LAST WEEK COULD ONLY SAY SITUATION WAS VERY GRAVE AND WAG HEAD IN DISTRESS. PARKER

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